**Romeo & Juliet Webquest English9**

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**Directions:**

1. Copy the questions from below page and paste it into your a word page. (Control A: select all, Control C: copy, Control V: paste).
2. Your task is to answer all the questions using the links provided. Insert your answers after the questions; make your answers a different color than the question Be sure you answer all parts of the question.
   * When you hit enter to put your answer in below each question, use a bullet.
3. Delete these directions (everything from the word 'Directions;" to just above the line) before you finish.

**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?
2. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* He was born around April 1564.

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* It was agricultural center.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* One of the companies was The Queens Men.

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* Romeo and Juliet was written around 1595.

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:

* The globe was built by Peter Smith, they got the timber from the old theater. and the Burbage bros. would be part owners of it.

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* Shakespeare died on March 25, 1616, New Year’s Day back then. Shakespeare was 51 when he died.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* When the man gives the woman the ring, she wears it on the right hand until theyre married.
  1. Name **three** marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* You should have the wedding before noon, Betrothals can be terminated by mutual concent.

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* The bride’s dress should be any color in style.
  1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* The man announces it in church three consecutive weeks in church.
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* The wedding procession is very loud with music and lots of talking.
  1. What is a dowry?
* The dowry is the amount of money the groom receives from the bride’s family.

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* The wedding is very important to the Elizabethans.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* They would eat two meals a day, one at noon and one at 6 pm.

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* Chocolate was only used in medical practices at the time.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* Meats- Woodcock/ badger
* Beets, cherries, celeries, and apples.

## Webquest PART 2

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* Wherefore means why.

1. What does "stay" mean?

* Stay means to wait.

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || ||

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! |  |
| **A** | Thank you. |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* There were no women characters.

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* No, and they are called players

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* You had to be in the upper class

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* To get a good seat

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

Lumpish half-faced joint head.